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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s) : (1) Rainer BITTERMANN and  
(2) Friedrich TRONICKE

Title : A PRESSURE-MEDIUM OPERATED SPRING-  
PRESSURE BRAKE

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- ☒ Specification
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   ☐ Informal
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- ☒ Amendment Before First Office Action
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  - ☒ Marked-Up Version of Amended Specification
  - ☒ Substitute Specification
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
  - ☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- ☒ Assignment, with Recordation Form Cover Sheet

- ☒ Acknowledgment Postal Card
- ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on German Application No. 103 14 691.1, filed March 27, 2003.
- ☒ A certified copy of the priority application is enclosed.

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Document(s) attached:

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Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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